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ADMIRAL CAPPS



Admiral Capps, who succeeded General Goethals in charge of the construction of ships for the Federal government.

WESTERN GOVERNORS DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Portland.—The governors of six western states—Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Nevada—and a personal representative from the governor of a seventh, California, attended a war council in Portland Saturday.

At this council they discussed war-time problems common to all their states and agreed to certain matters of policy in which they will co-operate during the period of the war.

While it was by no means the principal topic of their discussion, nor the reason for the calling of the council, the I. W. W. situation, particularly in the northwest, came in for much consideration.

The subject that took up more time than any other at the council was not that of curbing the I. W. W., nor of producing more foodstuffs, but of dealing with the various states, who claim exemption under the draft by reason of their foreign nationality.

After much discussion the governors decided that a campaign of education along patriotic lines must be undertaken to induce these aliens to do their duty by their adopted country.

The governors expressed the belief that different states presented entirely different labor problems, and that in some states these problems were so entangled with others that each state could best deal with conditions in its own way.

The food production came in for a long discussion. In general, the governors were unanimously of the mind that every effort must be made to increase the production of foodstuffs in the west, and particularly in the wheat-growing sections of the northwest, in the coming year.

CONGRESS FACES BIG TASK

Three Bills Already Before Houses and 4th, Bond Measure, Projected.

Washington. — Congress, after months of war declaring, speech making and money raising, still faces the biggest part of its special session task—securing additional war revenue and appropriating billions of dollars more to maintain the military establishment of the country.

Three bills are now in congress—the \$2,000,000,000 tax bill, the general deficiency bill, with appropriations that may reach close to \$10,000,000,000, and the insurance bills with hundreds of millions of dollars to protect soldiers and families of soldiers from want in case of injury or death.

A fourth bill is now in prospect—a new bond bill whose total will be at least \$5,000,000,000 and probably more. The shipping board will ask for appropriations approximating \$750,000,000 more this season.

Excessive Heat Is Fatal to Thousand.
New York.—Nearly a thousand persons were killed here by the recent hot wave, the department of health announced.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Club \$2.35; bluestem \$2.40; red Russian, \$2.34; forty-fold, \$2.38.
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$48 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$22.
Butter—Creamery, 40c.
Eggs—Ranch, 35c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 61c; valley, 70c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem \$2.40; turkey red, \$2.40; forty-fold, \$2.37; club, \$2.36; fifty, \$2.36; red Russian, \$2.35.
Barley—\$49 per ton.
Butter—45c.
Eggs—Ranch, 46c.

TEUTON OFFENSIVE DECLARED WEAKENING

Russians Inflict Heavy Losses on Foe and Stem Tide of Invasion.

Petrograd.—In consequence of the heavy losses inflicted on the Austro-German forces and the desperate resistance of the Russians, says a telegram received here from Odessa, the Teuton offensive on the Rumanian front is diminishing in intensity.

Desperate engagements are being fought by the Russo-Rumanian forces and Austro-German armies along the Rumanian front. In the center of this battle line, according to the Russian official statement, the Russians and Rumanians repulsed strong Teuton attacks along the Pokashani-Mar-secht railroad, then counter attacked and captured 1200 Germans, only to retire later in the evening.

In southwestern Moldavia the Russians took the offensive, smashed the Teuton lines and captured a number of prisoners and four guns.

In western Moldavia the Austro-Germans, after battles of great intensity, forced the Rumanians to retire to Ocna.

In the course of a battle south of the River Pruth, on the frontier of Rumania and Bukovina, the Russians entered the town of Lukovica and took prisoner 200 officers and men. The Russians also captured 200 Austro-Germans and took three machine guns by wresting a height in that region from the enemy.

The Russian war office report announced that the Austro-Germans attacked in dense waves near the village of Zarkov, southwest of Brody, in northeastern Galicia. The statement adds that the Teuton offensive in the Zarkov region completely failed, with heavy losses.

PEACE PROPOSALS MADE BY POPE

Rome.—Peace proposals made by Pope Benedict have been delivered to all the belligerent governments. The pope suggests restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania and peaceful solution of the problems of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Poland, according to reports received from vatican sources.

Washington.—The state department acknowledges that it had received unofficial knowledge of Pope Benedict's peace proposals before news dispatches were received here.

Within the entente diplomatic circle the opinion was freely and promptly expressed that the peace proposal was inspired by Germany and was an attempt to split the allies in a conflicting discussion of their war aims.

If an inference might be drawn from the undercurrents which were started in official circles by the report, a trained observer would venture the opinion that the proposal is one which could be discussed in good faith by the allies but that it does not meet their war aims. It was indicated that a peace proposal coming from the pope—the first actual proposal of the kind to come from the vatican—would necessarily have to be considered carefully and deliberately and that an answer convincing to the world would necessarily have to be made.

FIGHTING MEN TO RECEIVE INSURANCE

Bill in Congress Requires Soldier to Give \$15 to His Family Monthly.

Washington.—The administration's program for insuring soldiers, sailors and marines was placed before congress in identical bills introduced by Senator Simmons and Representative Alexander. The insurance program varies but little from previously announced outlines, the chief innovation being the proposal to compel men and officers to allot a minimum of \$15 a month out of their pay to dependent wives and children.

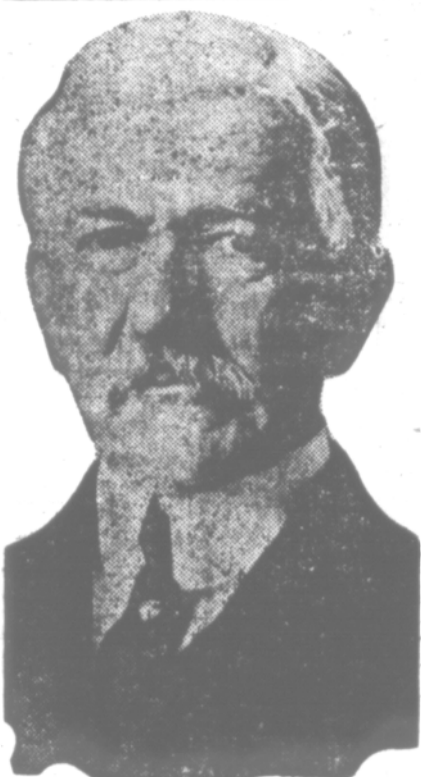
Authority also is proposed to compel the men to be insured to deposit at 4 per cent interest with the government, and at the discretion of the war and navy departments so much of their pay as is represented by the difference between the \$15 family allotment and half their regular pay.

Provision is made for the payment of government allowances to families of men in the nation's armed forces. The proposed allowances vary between \$5 and \$50 monthly, according to the circumstances of the dependents, and would be in addition to the sum allotted under the compulsory allotment feature of the bill.

Indemnities for partial and total disability would vary from a minimum of \$40 a month for privates up to \$300 for higher officers. The education of injured men in vocations by which they could earn a livelihood also is provided for.

Under the terms of the bill, soldiers, sailors and marines would be enabled to obtain insurance on their lives during the war in sums from \$1000 to \$10,000, the government taking the risk and the men paying the premiums. The rate would be approximately \$8 per \$1000 of insurance, and the premiums would be payable by installments out of pay.

GENERAL GORGAS



Surgeon General Gorgas of the United States army, who will raise a force of 45,000 surgeons for army service.

HOOVER TO CONTROL FOOD OF AMERICA

Washington.—The American government assumed control of the country's food supply with the signing by President Wilson of the administration's food survey and regulatory bill.

Formal announcement of Herbert Hoover's appointment as food administrator was made at the White House soon after the measures were approved.

The food administration plan for controlling wheat, flour and bread reveals that the government is prepared to take over the whole 1917 wheat harvest if necessary to conserve the supply, obtaining just prices.

Establishing of buying agencies at all the principal terminals, licensing of elevators and mills, fixing of prices to be considered fair, regulation of the middleman and of grain exchanges, with the elimination of trading in futures, are the chief features of the plan. The licensing will begin September 1.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Additional Japanese naval units have joined the allied forces in European waters, the British admiralty announced.

In Galicia, Rumanians, Russians, Germans and Austrians are locked in a series of battles, which have been in progress for days.

Thirty-two persons were killed and 43 were injured by the bombs dropped by German raiders on southeastern English coast towns Sunday. Ten men, 13 women and nine children were killed. Thirteen men, 18 women and 12 children were injured.

The French forces made further progress against the German positions on the Belgian front. The Frenchmen broke into the German lines, occupied several farms to the east of Bixchoote and west of Langwark, and captured a number of machine guns.

Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman in the house of commons, told the members of the lower house that the government had decided that permission to attend the international socialist conference at Stockholm would not be granted to British delegates.

Two French aviators dropped bombs on Frankfurt-on-the-Main, one of the most important cities of the German empire, having a population of more than 300,000. A French official statement, announcing the raid, says it was in retaliation for the German aerial bombardment of Nancy and the region north of Paris.

TO DISCUSS FOOD PROBLEM

Interstate Agricultural Conference Called at Spokane.

Pullman, Wash.—President E. O. Holland, of Washington State College, received a request from Secretary Houston, of the department of agriculture, asking that arrangements be made for an interstate conference in Spokane August 27 and 28 to discuss winter wheat and rye seeding problems.

Seventy-five persons from eight states will be in attendance, he said. Dr. R. A. Pearson and two others will represent the department of agriculture.

Sumpter Burns; Loss Is \$200,000.
Baker, Or.—Sumpter, once the Babylon of eastern Oregon, is a smoking mass of ruins, as the result of a fire. The loss is estimated as high as \$200,000. Every business house and nearly every residence, church and hall have been leveled by the flames. More than 300 persons are without homes.

Tomato Trust Charged.
Washington.—Evidence of a conspiracy among large packing interests to corner the entire tomato output of the Pacific coast has been discovered, it was said at the offices of the federal trade commission.

Many Farm Loans Asked.
Washington.—Applications for farm loans are pouring into the federal land banks at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a day, the federal farm loan board announced, the total for July having reached \$34,310,000.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The state normal school will reopen at Monmouth September 10.

A total of 2763 persons visited Crater Lake during the month of July.

Since January 1, this year, 43,866 automobiles have been registered in Oregon.

Corvallis has had a building growth this spring and summer that will total \$100,000.

K. Yokota, a Japanese ranch hand, was fatally hurt in a runaway accident at Hood River.

Oregon has an automobile to every 19 people, according to figures compiled up to August 1.

Yamhill county farmers are threshing a wheat crop that is averaging two-thirds of normal.

The Oregon Agricultural college has been rated by the war department as of "distinguished rank."

John Whitaker, a resident of Benton county since 1853, died at his home in Corvallis at the age of 74 years.

During the first six months of the present year Multnomah county has expended \$240,318 on highways.

Excepting in a few favored localities, young birds are declared a minus quantity in central Oregon this year by sagehen hunters.

No award has been made by the Port of Astoria for machinery for the new 1,000,000-bushel grain bins. Only one bid was received.

Freda, 12-year-old daughter of Poe Lafolette of Colton, was thrown from a rig and instantly killed in a runaway accident near Prineville.

The state highway commission has entered upon a new method of construction by agreeing to pay contractors actual cost, plus 12 per cent profit.

Since the organization of the state industrial accident commission, November 5, 1914, 25,652 accidents have been reported, of which 242 were fatal.

John McCurdy, 33 years old, was instantly killed at Beaver Creek ranch near Baker when the roof of a granary which he was tearing down collapsed.

The pastoral conference of the Oregon and Washington district of the evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri will convene in Salem, August 16 to 21.

An organization to promote the industrial and agricultural development of Clatsop county has been formed by 26 representative men of the county.

Yields of wheat in the vicinity of Roseburg show that fall sown grain is yielding far more than expected, although the spring sown grain is a heavy loss.

Sale of state hunting licenses has fallen way below the normal mark for this period of the season, according to State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker.

William M. Hilleary, of Brownsville, commander of the Oregon Volunteer Veterans' association and ex-master of the Oregon state grange, died at Albany at the age of 77.

Wood procured from stumpage will be used as fuel at the state hospital for the insane at least for the next two years, and at the state penitentiary for the next three years.

In spite of the fact that there is no established market, owing to unsettled legislation affecting grain, several lots of club wheat have been sold at Pendleton as high as \$2.25 a bushel.

William McAllister, a sawyer at the Spaulding sawmill, located about a mile north of Selma, Douglas county, was shot by Ralph Turpin, a fellow workman, and killed. Turpin escaped.

According to the statement of the contractors, work will begin this week at different parts of the state on the paying and grading contracts recently let by the state highway commission.

Despite the damage of the long hot season, reports from the harvest fields indicate that the yield of Umatilla county grain will be a fair one. In some places it will be as good as in the past.

Pendleton has the distinction of having provided more men for the second officers' training camp than any other Oregon city except Portland. Eight of the successful applicants were from Pendleton.

With the draft machinery well under way, reports from all parts of the state to Adjutant General George A. White indicate that Oregon will be ready with her quota of 717 men September 1.

In lieu of the Josephine county fair, which has been deferred on account of war times, the merchants of Grants Pass plan a three-day harvest home festival to be held during the week of September 24.

Robert Owens, engineer of a logging locomotive, was fatally burned and logging equipment and two bridges of a logging road of the Oregon Lumber company was destroyed, when Hood River county experienced one of the worst forest fires in the valley's recent history, last week.

Attorney General Brown has been requested by the Smith-Powers logging company to investigate the sale of Jamesta ginger extract by grocery stores as the company says its men are using the stuff for booze.

The first installment of the half million trout fry that will be distributed this season in the waters of Umatilla county, was placed in the north fork of the Umatilla, near Meacham, and at Bingham Springs.

Captain L. L. Pendleton of Vancouver or Barracks has announced the names

of 131 Oregon men who are successful applicants for the second reserve officers' training camp to open at the Presidio, San Francisco, August 27.

A marked increase in the number of pupils who entered high school after completing the elementary grades is shown in annual reports of county school superintendents of Oregon now being filed with State Superintendent Churchill.

In the belief that their fellow-countrymen cannot rest in peace in their present graves in Lone Fir cemetery, Portland Chinese are having the bodies of 500 deceased brothers and sisters exhumed, preparatory to sending them back to China.

The biennial reorganization meeting of the state livestock sanitary board was held in Salem. The following officers were elected: J. M. Dickson, Shedd; president; Walter K. Taylor, Corvallis, vice-president. Dr. Lytle is ex-officio secretary.

To prevent the spread of calf cholera throughout Oregon, the state livestock sanitary board ordered that calves in all 100 counties be vaccinated for the disease before being shipped to eastern Oregon points. The disease is prevalent in Tillamook and Coos counties.

By sawing a hole through the roof of the state penitentiary, dropping by a rope down the front wall of the building and calmly walking out of the front gate, Robert Burns and J. B. Burg, both serving from two to 20 years for forgery, effected their escape.

The department of the interior has issued its Crater Lake hand book for the season of 1917. It contains directions for reaching the lake, a description of the wonderful body of water in southern Oregon, the Indian myths about it and the Crater Lake national park regulations.

Two fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week, according to the weekly statement. The fatalities were: John Hodara, Astoria, logging, and Gerald Hunt, White Pine, sawmill. There was a total of 416 accidents reported.

Although he is past 21 years of age, Laurin B. Redifer, of Redmond, never knew that his heart was located on the right side of his body until a physical examination for the draft revealed the curious fact. Redifer was rejected, but for defects other than the misplacement of his heart.

To consider the emergency requirements of poultry instruction and investigation and the character of changes necessitated by the war, a sectional meeting of the American association of instructors and investigators of Poultry Husbandry was held at the Oregon Agricultural college August 13 and 14.

That cattle dying in various Oregon places recently are not poisoned by criminally inclined persons, but probably died from contaminated water holes, is the conclusion of Dr. C. H. Schultz, a veterinarian of the Seattle department of health and sanitation. He has made an extensive investigation in the Klamath Falls region.

Old friends are best. We can always shake new enemies.—Philadelphia Record

"Your wife, sir, seems to be subject to fits of verbosity."
"Good heavens, doctor, I never thought she had anything the matter with her except she talked too much!"—Baltimore American

Chickens breathe 8,278 cubic feet of air in twenty-four hours for every 1,000 pounds of live weight, while men require only 2,833 cubic feet and cattle but 2,804; hence for poultry ventilation is a matter of first importance.

Among migratory birds it is found that some of the longest journeys are made by the smallest birds. The humming bird goes from the middle states to Mexico and even as far as South America and back again each year.

Mr. Vexall (angrily)—I hate a woman who always contradicts everything a man says. If I don't I'm an idiot.
Mrs. Vexall (sweetly)—Well, dear, I'll turn over a new leaf and commence right now by not contradicting you.

A large truck belonging to the Mathews Transfer company of Eugene, was cemented securely to the bottom of the mill race when the truck loaded with several tons of molten asphalt, broke through a bridge over the mill race, lighting on end. The cold water immediately hardened the asphalt, holding the truck securely in its upright position in the race.

Complaint was filed at Salem, under the public convenience and necessity act, by the North Coast Power company against the Portland Gas & Coke company, asking that the Portland company be required to cease invading the Tualatin valley in competition with the plaintiff company, without having first obtained a certificate of public necessity as required by law.

Marion county fruitgrowers and hopmen declare the saving of thousands of tons of these products this season depends on whether the Portland school board postpones the opening of the Portland schools to October. Opening of the Portland schools causes the return to Portland of many large families. Farmers say serious losses will result, because of the late crops, if they are deprived of this labor.

Oregon's output of precious metals is increasing, according to a bulletin just issued by the United States geological survey. A steady increase in yield of copper is apparent so far this year and also in silver. Although the deep mines are not producing so much gold as in 1916, the placer mines are giving up more of the metal. In 1916 Oregon mines yielded 794 per cent more of copper than in the year before. Last year's metal production in this state increased \$939,989 over 1915, a gain of 47 per cent.

8-HOUR BILL INTRODUCED

Would Apply to Plants Whose Products Go into Interstate Commerce.

Washington.—Many petitions from western states asking congress to take some action to check I. W. W. activities were presented in the senate. The comment which accompanied their presentation showed clearly that senators were seriously thinking of means to remedy the situation.

Senator Poindexter referred to petitions he had received from the Clearwater Lumber company and its employees in his state, in which the employees said they did not want to strike but were threatened with violence by the I. W. W. should they not do so.

Both the company and the employees, the Washington senator said, were agreed on the principle of the eight-hour day in lumber camps. He introduced a bill establishing an eight-hour day for all lumbering and wood-working plants whose products find their way into interstate commerce.

France Suspends Duty for Americans.

Washington.—Packages from home for American soldiers are to be passed by the French government duty free and without unnecessary delays for examination, according to a letter to the state department from Ambassador Jusserand.

Former President Taft Is Recovering.

Clay Center, Kan.—Former President William Howard Taft, who was taken sick here last week, was declared out of immediate danger by his physicians.

DULL AND SHARP SHOOTING PAINS

Michigan Lady Suffered Such Pains

In Back and Head, But Says Cardui Stopped These Bad Spells.

Palmyra, Mich.—Mrs. Chas. T. Fuller, of this place, writes: "In 1911 I got run-down, and I suffered great pain...with both dull and sharp shooting pains...also back and head. I was weak and could only drag around, and should have been in bed. For I really wasn't able to be up. At times I would have spells that would be so bad I'd have to go to bed, and suffered intensely..."

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